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## Letter from James D. Cobb to James B. Finley

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Oxford 12<sup>th</sup> January, 1839.

Rev. James B. Finley,  
Dear Sir,

The recent rains and consequent breaking up of the roads have deprived me of complying with my engagement of visiting Germantown. Drop me a few lines and let me know when it will be most suitable to visit you. I will come at the earliest convenient opportunity. It occurs to my mind that there is no time to be lost. The Seminary should commence the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, or at furthest by the middle of that month: otherwise the pupils will be engaged before that time in other institutions. It should also be known that the Germantown Seminary is to be one of high order, where youth of both sexes, under able and efficient teachers, male and female, will be instructed in all the branches of education. There should be no delay in finishing off the rooms. Indeed the thing should be taken hold of with a firm grasp. You may consider me as ready to co-operate in any measures necessary to a prosperous commencement of this enterprise. Can the dwelling house & 5 acre lot, you mentioned be got on rent and at what terms? and how soon can it be vacant. If I know at all, it must be as early as the last of next month.

PAID

Rev. James B. Finley

Germantown

Ohio.

Oxford 1839

J. Webb





I wish to engage as a house-keeper, to be assisted by a young woman of her own selection, a Lady not too far advanced in life, pious, of religious and fine character, mild yet firm with children. Perhaps in the circle of your extended acquaintance you may know one of this description, who would be glad to find a good home, agreeable employment, and a liberal compensation.

As it may so happen that you may be absent when I visit Germantown, please inform me on whom to call.

Proceed as if I had visited you, and were pleased with Germantown; and please let me know by mail if what is recommended in this letter can be put into execution. As a door of usefulness seems to open in Germantown, no trifling objections shall keep me from trying to enter.

Yours in the best of bonds.

James D. Cobb.